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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (12 pages) iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☒ Other: Change of Address (one page)

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period not to exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☒ Other: Petition to Extend the Term for Response (one page)

3. Fees

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to:

i. ☒ Deposit Account No. 50-2513 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☒ Deposit Account 09-470 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (one page)

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2938 enclosed)

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